

ORDINANCE NO. 990204-QQ (QQ)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING SECTION 13-2-761(c) OF THE CITY CODE FOR AN APPLICATION FILED BY MAJID HEMASSI TO DEMOLISH THE HORTON-DUVAL HOUSE LOCATED AT 6706 BLUFF SPRINGS ROAD, AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The City Council finds that:

- (1) Majid Hemassi is the owner of the Horton-Duval House ("the structure"), a designated City and state historic landmark, located at 6706 Bluff Springs Road, Austin, Travis County, Texas;
- (2) the structure was severely damaged by fire in 1996;
- (3) on September 25, 1996, the Building and Standards Commission found the structure to be a dangerous building;
- (4) on September 28, 1998, the Historic Landmark Commission denied an application by Mr. Hemassi to demolish the structure;
- (5) an appeal of the Historic Landmark Commission decision by Mr. Hemassi was denied by the Council on January 21, 1999;
- (6) despite the fire damage, the structure continues to be viable as a historic structure; and
- (7) because of the need to both remedy the dangerous condition and to preserve the historic nature of the structure, a rapid disposition of the issues regarding the structure is in the best interest of the City.

PART 2. In order to facilitate a rapid disposition of the issues regarding the structure, the City Council waives the 12-month waiting period for refiling an application for demolition of the structure under Section 13-2-761(c) of the City Code. Mr. Hemassi may

file an application for demolition of the Horton-Duval House not sooner than July 21, 1999.

PART 3. The City Council waives the requirements of Sections 2-2-3 and 2-2-7 of the City Code for this ordinance.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on February 15, 1999.

PASSED AND APPROVED

February 4, 1999.

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Kirk Watson

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Mayor

APPROVED:

Andrew Martin

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City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Brown

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City Clerk